

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:
an ~~imager~~ image capture device coupled to the portable electronic device;
a laser scanner coupled to the portable electronic device; ~~and~~
an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) comprising circuitry for communicating with the ~~imager~~ image capture device and the laser scanner; and
a common bus that provides a hardware path from the ASIC to a processor.
2. (Currently Amended) The portable electronic device of claim 1, further comprising a data blender adapted to receive data from the image capture device and the laser scanner ~~multiple sources~~ and distribute the data to multiple destinations based on a type or content of the data.
3. (Original) The portable electronic device of claim 1, the portable electronic device being a bar code reading terminal.
4. (Original) The portable electronic device of claim 1, the ASIC further comprising circuitry for carrying out at least one of the following functions:
 - power management;
 - wake up control and power down;
 - critical suspend shutdown;
 - warm boot and cold boot;
 - serial port for WAN radio;
 - matrix keyboard scanning;
 - IP security;
 - analog converters;
 - touch panel;

smart and dumb battery;
modular memory IDE interface;
fingerprint reader;
USB host; and
magnetic stripe interface.

5. (Original) The ASIC of claim 4, the smart and dumb battery function including a gauging function
6. (Original) The ASIC of claim 4, the smart and dumb battery function including a cycle life function.
7. (Original) The ASIC of claim 4, the smart and dumb battery function including a charge control function.
8. (Original) The ASIC of claim 4, the smart and dumb battery being a Ni-MH battery.
9. (Original) The ASIC of claim 4, the smart and dumb battery being a Li-Ion battery.
10. (Original) The ASIC of claim 4, the modular memory IDE interface function including a NAND memory function.
11. (Original) The ASIC of claim 4, the modular memory IDE interface function including a CF card function.
12. – 20. (Cancelled)
21. (New) The portable electronic device of claim 1, the common bus allows data decoded off line to be processed while a current task is implemented.

22. (New) The portable electronic device of claim 1, the common bus provides shared data path from the imager and the laser scanner into a memory.
23. (New) The portable electronic device of claim 1, the data from the imager and the laser scanner is at least one of biometrics data, magstripe data, and RFID data
24. (New) The portable electronic device of claim 1, a data source coupled to the portable electronic device, the data source communicates with the portable electronic device *via* the ASIC circuitry.
25. (New) A portable data collection device, comprising:
an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) that accepts data from at least one source coupled to the portable data collection device; and
a data blender that distributes the data from the at least one source to a first destination based on the type of data, the content or the data, or combinations thereof.
26. (New) The system of claim 25, the data from the at least one source is decoded within the portable data collection device.
27. (New) The device of claim 25, the data from the at least one source is decoded offline and processed on the portable data collection device at a later time.
28. (New) The device of claim 25, the data from the at least one source is routed through a common driver.
29. (New) The device of claim 25, the data from the at least one sources is biometrics data, magstripe data, RFID data, or combinations thereof.